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No-contest plea in molestation case

By Mandy Erickson

MARTINEZ — Former Boy Scout troop leader and Albany High School campus aide Steven Kabeary pled no contest last Monday to seven counts of child molestation.

His plea, which is essentially the same as pleading guilty, ended a half-year of investigation on the former Kensington resident and freed his victims from testifying in public. His trial was scheduled to start that morning.

Lt. Leonard St. Onge of Kensington said Kabeary's plea will save the department in overtime.

"It also makes me feel we had a good case," he added.

Brandon Baum, the pro-

secuting attorney, said defendants can choose to plead no contest, but that the plea is treated as a guilty plea. Baum said that pleading no contest is often easier for defendants than saying "guilty."

Baum added that Kabeary, 35, pled no contest with the understanding that he would receive eight years rather than the maximum of 13.

"The court can take into account the fact that he pled guilty before trial rather than make all the victims go through the trauma of testimony," Baum said.

Kabeary's sentencing is scheduled for March 20.

Kabeary's victims, who were members of Boy Scout Troop 22

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recycling ordinance

Albany fights thieves

By John McWhorter

ALBANY — To combat thieves who steal recyclable materials, the City Council Monday night tentatively approved an ordinance making it illegal to take recycling buckets or their contents.

Since the curbside program began six weeks ago, about 120 of the city's 4,000 recycling buckets have been stolen — along with the glass, paper and aluminum within them, said Assistant City Administrator Darren Fields.

Many cities face similar problems after beginning a recycling program, Fields said. The ordinance specifies that Oakland Scavenger Co. owns the materials after they are placed on the curb for collection.

Fields also announced that the city's used office paper, newspaper and other papers will be collected under a grant program sponsored by the East Bay Conservation Corps.

Flagging onto the meeting's environmental theme, resident Steve Meniketti urged the council to do its part to save the

The Oakland Scavenger Co. owns the materials after they are placed on the curb

environment.

"Something ought to be done to protect the ozone," Meniketti said. He proposed that the council follow the City of Berkeley's example and ban the use of Styrofoam packaging.

Polystyrene manufacturing releases gasses into the atmosphere which damage the earth's ozone layer. Ozone acts as sun screen to protect the planet from cancer-causing ultraviolet rays.

Resident Rhoda Bennett, armed with several large plastic bottles recently recovered from her

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Housing is discussed at plan hearing

By Anne Sutton

ALBANY — Longtime resident Ray Redel believes his town retains its small town flavor if residents resist the pressures to move up housing.

Newcomer Steve Barton says the town could lose its working-middle-class character and become the next Piedmont if more affordable housing at a higher density is not allowed.

Both residents agree that preserving Albany's residential character and its quality of small town life is essential. But they don't know how to do that so simple.

Barton joined about 100 people March 1 at the third of a new general plan for Albany.

Residents commented on a set of policies drawn up by the city planning staff and consulting firm, Newman Planning Associates, that could determine the shape of Albany to come in the year 2020.

The report recommends that the city keep its current residential zoning law with several possible

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Journal — Mark Koehler

Police arrested potential 'customers' at the El Cerrito Inn

El Cerrito police target 'johns'

Prostitution sweep on San Pablo Avenue nets five arrests

By Nicole Atkinson

The Journal

EL CERRITO — Five suspected "johns" were arrested after allegedly propositioning undercover officers at San Pablo Avenue's El Cerrito Inn March 8.

The sweep was part of a joint city police effort to rid the El Cerrito-Richmond area of its growing prostitution problem.

At least 11 officers from the El Cerrito and Richmond police departments participated in the "reverse sting" operation aimed at suspected clients.

"We had officers posing as prostitutes in a location frequented by prostitutes with real prostitutes out there," explained Lt. Ray Howard of the Richmond Police Department.

Wartney Buchanan, 33, of San Pablo; Dennis Michael Keane, 36, of Berkeley; Luis Ernesto Montes, 25, of San Pablo; Calvin Washington, 30, of Richmond and Gerald Alan Woodruff, 34, of Hercules were arrested on suspicion of soliciting a prostitute. Police said they propositioned undercover officers.

The five suspects were taken to county jail in Martinez where they were cited and released on their own recognizance.

The sweep came after the March 6 arrest of Kiem Thai

Hyuhm, 40, of Concord for an act of prostitution and the March 7 arrest of Diana Ferguson, 25, of Richmond on suspicion of prostitution.

Hyuhm and her husband own Japan Beauty and Body, 10777 San Pablo Ave., which Lt. Howard claims was a "front for a massage parlor." The business is temporarily closed. Legal steps are being taken by the city attorney's office to have the salon permanently closed.

The arrests are part of a long-term crackdown that began last September in response to growing complaints from residents in the area, Howard said.

"We had people who were getting cat-calls from men in cars, high school girls walking home being propositioned," Howard said.

Police have arrested prostitutes as well as "johns," Howard said. Last November the joint El Cerrito-Richmond operation resulted in the arrest of 23 suspected customers. Since January they have arrested 10 prostitutes and 11 suspected customers.

According to Howard, the prostitution problem worsened after "a major crackdown in terms of punishment of prostitutes," in Alameda County.

This caused the prostitutes to

Parents call for 'sensitive' new trustee in Albany

By Ben Hellwarth

The Journal

ALBANY — Upset that the board member who recently resigned may have been compelled to do so because of a stand she took on a personnel matter, a group of Spanish-speaking Albany parents told the school board it should appoint a replacement for Bonnie Cediel who shares her understanding of "the diverse linguistic community."

"We want to thank Bonnie Cediel because for a long time she has worked for the betterment of the minority community," parent Jean Schelm said in her English translation of a prepared statement.

The statement was first read in Spanish on behalf of the 10 parents who were at the meeting Tuesday night.

The statement praised Cediel, who was not at the meeting, for her work with the Mexican-American School Board Association, with immigrants and with English as a Second Language programs.

"We would like Bonnie Cediel's place to be filled by a representative who is sensitive to the diverse linguistic community," the parents' statement said.

The parents also asked the school board to "establish professional means of evaluating all foreign language courses to give some guarantee that children will learn languages correctly."

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Journal — Mark Koehler

Driven to distraction

Townspeople in El Cerrito are getting anxious for the reconstruction that has ripped apart San Pablo Avenue to be over. The work is part of a federally-funded project to widen the street. Heavy-equipment operators are expected to hang up their hard hats in May when the job is complete.



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Big brother is clocking you

THE HIGH-TECH tickets-by-mail set up being proposed by Albany Police Chief **Larry Murdo** (*The Journal*, March 9) could create an interesting dilemma.

The new system, called PhotoRadar, snaps a photo of the speeding car (black and white? color?) of the offending vehicle and automatically prints a ticket that's delivered by mail.

Since it would be the car — not the driver — that is caught in the act, the violation would presumably be delivered to the car's registered owner, not necessarily the lead-foot who was operating the vehicle.

If the system is approved by the city, car owners may find themselves spending time trying to provide an alibi at the time of the violation. Otherwise they may be stuck fighting a moving violation that could affect their insurance rates and driving record.

Be warned: the City Council and the Traffic and Safety Commission will meet late Sunday morning for a demonstration of the PhotoRadar system. The demo was rescheduled from a Saturday because the representative for U.S. Public Technologies, which markets the contraption, is a Seventh-Day Adventist.

DISPATCHES FROM THE RECYCLING FRONT: Albany's fledgling curbside recycling program has been hindered by unofficial scavengers who snag the buckets and their contents off the sidewalks.

In response, the City Council last week scheduled a first reading of an ordinance that acknowledges "The right of authorized contractor to bring forth civil action, and providing violations and penalties," against the bucket pirates....

El Cerrito, where curbside recycling has gone on for more than 10 years, is not immune to the phenomenon of recycling renegades. "That is a big problem," says Recycling Manager Susan Kattchee. "It always has been."

Aluminum is continually the most desirable commodity, but Kattchee notes that when the price of newspaper reached \$50 a ton, "it was taken every day."

Mayor Jean Siri says that sometime in April or May, every household in El Cerrito (up to a fourplex) will receive two buckets for use in the curbside program. If or when Kensington comes on-line in the program, its residents will also get the buckets.

Funds for the buckets, some \$44,747 in all, come from a grant from the state Department of Conservation's Division of Recycling.

Although the buckets will come from the same manufacturer that made Albany's buckets, Kattchee says, the E.C. buckets will be clearly identified as property of the city and collection company and will also point out the city's anti-scavenger ordinance.

The E.C. curbside program will also allow mixing aluminum and tin cans in the same bucket, the better to discourage aluminum thieves.

THE CITY OF EL CERRITO BROCHURE, mailed to residents this week, makes an interesting comparison to its counterpart — the City of Albany Newslette which came out a couple of months earlier.

Points go to the E.C. work for its color cover, an interesting piece on Indians that once lived here, and tips for homeowners on how to deal with deer in the garden. The history piece in the Albany brochure deals with background on the city sewer project.

On the other hand, points to the Albany publication for its unique distribution system. The Newslette was distributed to residences by the Albany High soccer team (we trust they didn't kick them onto the porch). The team received the City Council's gratitude and a \$500 donation to

On the Avenue



By Chris Treadaway

boot (far less than what postage would have cost).

Another difference: In its listing of city officials, Albany omits the names of people elected to office, citing recently-passed Proposition 73, which it says appears to prohibit names of elected officials from appearing in this type publication (Page 20).

El Cerrito's booklet lists all city councilmembers (Page 16) and includes a form on the opposite page for addressing concerns or compliments to the council (postage required).

THREE DOTS AND A CLOUD OF DUST. Albany's Chamber of Commerce and the Parks Department are deciding what type of tree should replace the eucalyptuses on Solano Avenue.

The five contenders are flowering cherry, flowering crab apple, Indian laurel, evergreen pear and photinia. If you are partial to any of these maybe you should let them know. In the meantime, an anonymous miscreant has already chopped down a few of the existing trees, in each case leaving about three feet of trunk behind....

THE PARKS DEPARTMENT, by the way, now has the more upscale title of Department of Recreation and Community Services. It's still not as obnoxious as the "Department of Leisure Services" (can I get you a towel sir?) used in other communities....

SPEAKING OF PARKS: The East Bay Regional Park bond issue passed last November (with an almost 70 percent approval from E.C. voters) will provide the city with some \$672,000, an amount based on El Cerrito's 24,000 population.

The city's Park and Recreation Commission is preparing a master plan for how the funds will be used over the next few years. Park users can get their two cents' worth in at a public hearing on the master plan scheduled for March 22.

The City Council will meet April 3 to vote on approving the final plan. Final approval will be in the hands of East Bay Regional Park District directors....

GAUCHOS GARNER HONORS: The All-Bay Valley Athletic League basketball and soccer teams were announced this week, with a fair amount of representation from El Cerrito High School.

The first team All-BVAL boys basketball honorees included Gauchos Quentin Youngblood and James French. Ed Knight and Wade Nakamura made honorable mention.

The Gauchos representative on the All-BVAL girls hoop team is Ugochi Nwamuo. Erika Hardwicke, a sure first team pick if not for an injury that sidelined her six weeks, made honorable mention, as did teammate Vicki Kalu.

LET'S FACE IT: unless you're a famous haberdasher, Assembly Speaker or a member of West Bay society, your chances of making Herb Caen's column are just about nil. Why not send that clever item to us at P.O. Box 1624, El Cerrito, 94530. Chances are we'll use it, and you'll have something to impress your friends with. Write today — a trained staff of envelope openers is standing by!

stay in my family's home any more because of cigarettes. How do you think they feel?

T. Adair
El Cerrito

Buy one-ply tissue

Editor:

Enjoy reading your paper. Re Luis Torres' toilet tissue rolling, it is a good gimmick, but a bad waste of time.

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Some people may consider the use of one-ply tissue as gross as re-used toothpicks.

Jaime Cooney
Oakland

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Police Report

Fight nearly breaks out over pizza seating

ALBANY — The following is a partial account of crimes and incidents that occurred last week, according to police records.

• A 25-year-old Cornell Avenue woman was caught in the middle of a fight between two brothers March 11. The woman told police that her boyfriend's brother came to the door at about 10:40 p.m. and demanded to see his brother.

When the woman told him to leave, the man broke through the screen door and grabbed her. The boyfriend came to her aid and hit his brother with a wooden club.

• An 80-year-old man suffering from Alzheimer's disease apparently tripped over his untied shoelace and fell onto a BART train in El Cerrito March 11.

He injured his knee and wrist, but refused medical treatment. Albany police, who responded to the call, discovered the man's identity through a subscription magazine he was carrying.

His wife had called the El Cerrito Police Department looking

for him.

• A man who urinated in the parking lot of an AM-PM Mini Mart found himself in hot water March 11. When police responded to the call, they found that he had a \$1,000 warrant out for his arrest.

He resisted arrest and got into a scuffle with the officers who then discovered he was carrying 16 grams of crack cocaine.

• A 40-year-old woman reported March 9 that a man who identified himself as Frank confronted her on the street three times, telling her that strange things could happen to her in California.

The woman, who recently moved to Albany from New York, told police that Frank was the strangest thing to happen to her yet.

• An 18-year-old El Cerrito man came to the Albany Police Department March 6 with a handcuff locked to one wrist. He told police that the cuff has mistaken

ly been put there by a friend. Unable to find the friend or key, police removed the handcuff.

• A fight nearly broke out at Round Table Pizza March 9 when a customer sat down to eat in the employees' section.

The customer, who refused to make a report, said his wife had just begun to eat when an employee came to their table and asked them to move. The customer said there were no signs indicating the section was closed off that they would leave when they were finished.

The man claims the employee asked him to "step outside" and inviting him to fight.

However, workers at Round Table told police that it was a customer who was verbally abusive. They said when they asked him to move he became angry and used profanity, so they called police.

Man takes a test drive; never comes back

and hit her.

• A Liberty Street couple reported that someone entered their house while they were away March 3. The burglar took jewelry, car keys, and the couple's car that was parked in front of their house.

• A thief got off with a motorcycle March 3 by pretending to take a test drive. He handed the owner an envelope he said contained cash and took off with it.

• A Richmond woman reported

March 2 that two suspects attempted to run over her with a car. As they drove past, the passenger reached out of the car

from her bedroom. She suspects the thief is someone she knows.

Police said there were no signs of forced entry.

• A 31-year-old Cypress Avenue woman reported that some men with guns entered her home March 6 and took her television and VCR. The victim told police that one of the gunmen is her ex-boyfriend. Loss: \$750.

• An Elm Street woman reported someone killed her 6-month old puppy by putting her poison in a can of dog food in her back yard.

• A 15-year-old boy was robbed March 3 near the BART at Moeser Avenue. The suspect demanded money and threatened to hurt the victim. He got away with \$5.

• A woman reported someone had stolen \$1,045 worth of jewelry

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Journal Profile

Bob Bacon

Age: 37

Community role: El Cerrito City Councilmember

Occupation: Photographer

Family: wife, Barbara; children: Lisa, Lesley, John

Book Last Read: "Mayor," by Ed Koch

Favorite Film: "Rain Man"

Admired Public Figures: Former El Cerrito City Councilmember Howard Abelson; Gov. George Deukmejian

Hobbies: Politics

Best Way to Spend a Sunday Afternoon: "Working on my honey-do list"

Favorite Local Restaurant: "The Shutter Cafe for its local regulars; The Silver Dollar for its good food"

Finds Intolerable: "Unmotivated people"

Greatest Accomplishment: "My marriage"

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Journal — Mark Koehler

Maria Robledo, principal of El Cerrito High School, looks forward to day when this hallway will become part of an expanded school library. The project is expected to be funded through the increase in building fees the Richmond Unified School District approved

Richmond's negotiations expected to come to end

By Ben Hellwarth

RICHMOND — The school board was expected last night to end what has become a long chapter in district salary negotiations by approving a pay increase for teachers and other non-management employees.

Providing that employees themselves approved the proposal, going in to last night's school board meeting, the board seemed ready to lend its seal of approval.

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Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser



A book of adventures

Diane Varney is writing a book about the 20-month trip that she, her husband Robert Lerner and their bicycles took recently. Since only a thick tome would hold all of the adventures and misadventures they encountered, our retelling of it here will be sketchy at best.

The couple, who moved to Albany after their trip, was in Seattle when the travel urge took over. They had been talking about taking a major trip for a long time. The takeover of the business Robert had built from a one-man operation in his garage to a \$5 million-a-year company gave them the unexpected freedom to do it.

They had known other couples who had taken year-long trips around the world with bicycles and the idea excited them. So, having sold their home, they packed necessities and bicycles and were away. Because they left in January and it was cold, they opted to start from somewhere warm.

Thus their first direction was to the southern hemisphere, to Fiji, New Zealand and Australia. As a matter of fact, they managed to avoid winter the whole time they were gone, although some of the summer was dreadfully hot and uncomfortable.

When Diana spoke of Fiji, New Zealand and Australia her eyes sparkled. They had a lovely time and it was a grand beginning for them, except for the week she spent in the hospital with hepatitis.

It seems they had been invited to tea and found that the tea was a veritable feast. Great food, she says, but one of the host's sons was really sick. Thus it was that in New Zealand, sailing on a gorgeous yacht belonging to a recent acquaintance, she found herself feeling ill and ended up in the hospital.

When they set off again she didn't feel up to a great deal of bicycling so they rented a car for a week and then started riding again more slowly.

In New Zealand they found the riding wonderful and went through both islands down to the southern tip of the south island.

In Australia the pair bicycled from Melbourne to Sydney over the Snowy Mountains and the Victoria Alps. They visited the east coast, including Brisbane and Cairns, after which they took off for Indonesia via Darwin.

Both loved Indonesia, so they spent two months there, the time limit on their visas. Bali they found wonderful, a beautiful island, and culturally rich. They met many artists, both painters and wood carvers.

Diane and Rob purchased a dragon by one of the local woodcutters, very intricate and very lovely, and hung it from the ceiling of their new home.)

Bicycling up the east coast of Malaysia, they found very little development and beautiful beaches. The couple considers Tioman Island their own discovery since so few people know about it.

Next stop was Thailand, which they enjoyed. There was some trouble getting the bikes into

China by air, but they found they could easily get them in if they came by ferry, which they did. Their hiking gear had been sent ahead to Hong Kong, so a stop there was necessary to pick it up.

China was a disappointment to them. They were picked up by the police at one point. It seems they were in the wrong area, an area of very poor people who lived in mud houses, ate strange foods and weeds and had no facilities at all. They were escorted out at 6 a.m.

In Tibet they found incredible monasteries, beautiful people and rosy-cheeked women. Fun people, they said. In the outback area they saw very poor people, lots of beggars and thieves and a great deal of curiosity about the travelers.

Each night when they camped local people would show up and just sit and watch them. It was fun and interesting at first, but after a while their need for privacy grew great. The watchers were also takers, however, and any food left outside or any small item of gear would disappear.

It was in Tibet that Rob came down with bacterial dysentery (typhoid). With no medical care available it was fortunate that they had some antibiotics with them.

The stores in this area were very small and the food rather terrible, tiny raisins with four pits, inedible noodles like glue and yak cheese and butter.

Robert and Diane were working so hard and could eat so little that by the time they reached Nepal they were very thin. Fortunately they did meet a group from Seattle who had planned very carefully, had gotten a sponsor and had loads of food.

Then Diane got sick with typhoid. They really wanted out of Tibet.

One interesting note on that country, though, was that all the people asked for pictures of the Dalai Lama. It seems some tourists had had them and they thought that all tourists must. (As you may know, the Dalai Lama has been sent into exile by the Chinese.)

What joy to reach Kathmandu, which has every kind of restaurant you can imagine. In a city famous for desserts they found themselves eating four meals a day and dessert with each.

They trekked in Nepal and started biking in India, but were distressed by the people who rode along with them and stared.

The couple was fascinated with Veranasi in the Ganges, where everybody goes to die. They bathed with the rest of the crowd in the river. One man had a bowl of marigolds with candles floating with him in the water. They went down to Goa, which became their first vacation from their vacation.

We cannot follow our intrepid travelers all the way to Sri Lanka, which they loved, to Egypt, to Israel, which induced culture shock after Asia, to Rhodes and then into Europe. Their adventures were many and varied, and we look forward to Diane's book to read about them all.

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Yet for the parents who addressed the school board, many of whom are Hispanic, what happened to Cediel raises the broader issue of the school district's attitude toward their concerns.

"We feel we're not taken seriously," Myrtha Fernandez said.

"The message to us is that we don't have any right to talk about how our own language is taught," Maria Silva said.

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Police suspect murder/suicide

Richmond police report a Bay Area man was arrested in Wisconsin last week in connection with a case in which an El Cerrito woman is charged with prostituting her two children.

Charles Schwab, 24, was arrested by police in Janesville, Wis., on a warrant issued by a Contra Costa County judge charging him with molesting and sodomy.

Schwab is wanted in connection with a case involving 29-year-old Katherine Hubert, who is charged with prostituting her 9-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter.

Richmond police are now investigating the possibility that what was at first considered a double homicide of two Richmond residents last week may actually be a murder-suicide.

Kabeary

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and Albany High School students, all are receiving counseling provided by the state. According to St. Onge, they also are suing Kabeary for therapy costs.

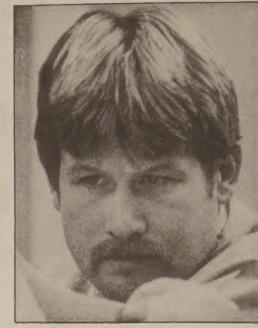
The investigation on Kabeary began in 1987 when Kensington police were contacted by a therapist who claimed Kabeary had been molesting the children.

The victims would not talk to police until a year later.

Kabeary was arrested Oct. 16 last year, after pornographic photographs were found in his Kensington home. A woman who moved in after Kabeary left found the photographs in the house and turned them over to police.

Municipal Court Judge Irene Takahashi ruled Nov. 4 that the photographs were not obscene enough to charge Kabeary with child pornography as well as molestation.

Boy Scouts of America spokesman Clinton Alexander said his organization makes a great effort to prevent molestation. It screens troop leaders



Journal file photo

Steven Kabeary

every year and tries to set up barriers so that molestation is not possible.

"The surprising and sad thing in this case is that nothing had alerted anyone that there had been a problem there," he said.

The organization relieved Kabeary of his duties as soon as it discovered that he was under investigation for child molestation.

Recycling

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garbage, joined the debate.

While displaying a mayonnaise jar "from the Price Club," two-gallon milk jugs, a hefty margarine tub and several soap bottles, Bennett urged the council to take action.

"It would be nice if Albany can start recycling plastics right away," she said. "I'm sure every family has this kind of stuff."

Meniketti then urged Bennett to follow another Berkeley example and "recycle" garbage.

Berkeley recently kicked off a

recycling program to residents to keep non-recyclable materials out of landfills by buying foods packaged in

Bennett reported that she do so if Meniketti would be for the added expense of foods in recyclable containers.

Bennett's response Vice Mayor Henry Kruse audience that "milk com-

The council did not resi-

either motion made by residents.

Negotiations

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percent. But the chief negotiator for the UTR said he is satisfied, in part because a 4 percent increase that went into effect in the fall means that salaries will now have been adjusted upward by a total of 8 percent.

"We've gotten to a point where it would not be productive to

push negotiations any further," said Ernie Ciarrocchi, UTR executive director. "It's time to make an agreement and we'll do that."

The future is coming up negotiations on a new contract begin in about a month coming school year.

Housing

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allowing housing densities could be reduced on Albany Hill, the streets behind San Pablo and Solano avenues, and higher density areas adjacent to single family neighborhoods.

The planning staff will be drawing up a study of the effects of these reduced densities for the Planning Commission to review.

Though the response to the proposal was generally favorable, at least one resident, Steve Barton, questioned the idea that reducing density is the way to preserve Albany's small town

flavor. He said building duplexes and triplexes would allow Albany to continue to attract the type of people who now live here.

"We have to make some concessions for increasing density or Albany will be unaffordable for people who don't make \$80,000 a year," he said. He pointed out that most homeowners in Albany would not be able to buy their own houses at today's prices.

Barton said the city has a choice: either it preserves the physical appearance of the town at the expense of the kind of people who live here, or it allows more density so that those who

have traditionally lived in Albany can continue to do so.

Marcus Pun, an Albany resident for 26 years, disagrees.

Albany will continue to attract

the type of people who have

always enjoyed its family neighborhoods, he said. And higher income people will continue to flock to more upscale communities.

"My main concerns are the

problems of higher density like parking, garbage and crime," he added. "And when you have higher populations, the schools suffer."

The final version is expected to be completed by March 20.

Parents

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That point was apparently meant to be a thinly veiled reference to an incident in which a district instructor's ability to teach Spanish was questioned by parents in a petition to school officials.

It also brought up further details about why the teachers union was upset with Cediel. Although she officially resigned Feb. 28 because of high blood pressure, an Albany Teachers Association official confirmed last week that his group played "some role" in her resignation.

After making their public statement, the parents said privately Tuesday night that they believe Cediel had been pressured by the Albany Teachers Association to resign because of the strong stand she took on the issue involving a Spanish teacher.

The parents said Cediel, who speaks Spanish, may well have paid for advocating their views with her seat on the board.

Jack McFarland, the newly-elected president of the ATA, said his union was upset with Cediel for the way in which she acted in the personnel matter, but not for her support of issues of concern to Spanish-speaking parents.

"The ATA and the Albany Unified School District have a negotiated procedure for evaluating teachers," McFarland said.

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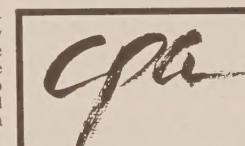
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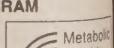
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By Michael S. Holm

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Now preparing its store with ensembles for San Francisco's Black and White Ball, Mary Ann Suva features everything from cruise wear and dressy sportswear to a distinctive bridal group.

Mary Ann Suva's upscale but moderately-priced dresses have been keeping East Bay customers happy for nearly two years. There are simple, distinctive silks, ensembles for mother of the bride and groom, and what the staff calls "AM-PM dressing," with fashionable options.

The store's service-oriented sales staff is trained to provide women with a total look — mixing and matching, and using a unique line of jewelry to help complement the ensemble. Each garment is specially selected for its individuality, with an extra effort made to feature mer-

chandise that personifies quality and yet is moderately priced.

Located in Montclair Village, Mary Ann Suva provides its customers a pleasant atmosphere — soft, easy-listening music with a number of couches and chairs.

lections of coordinated separates, brand name sportswear, sweaters, suits, dresses and accessories. All are in wonderful colors, designs and styles, and in natural and blended fibers.

Claudine's also offers a relaxed shopping experience in pleasant surroundings, with a professional, courteous staff to assist you.

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all. There's also a full coat department and a section for furs.

No matter what the merchandise, Goldman's makes certain that the pocketbook never suffers, by stressing quality at the right price.

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This N.R.I three-piece ensemble in fuchsia, green and black comes in bold prints. Available at Claudine's.

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ly influenced by feedback from shoppers, obtaining garments that have been requested by enthusiastic customers.

Focal Point
2638 Ashby Ave.
Berkeley 843-5367

Since Focal Point opened at Ashby and College avenues in 1976, it's had more attention than one optical center could ever hope. It's been featured in national and local publications, and has an ever-growing clientele that provides a true picture of its success.

The goal of owner and staff is simple: to seek out the finest products, the very best quality merchandise available. One-of-a-kind

frames are featured that are not carried in most other stores. Above all else, the objective is quality.

For example, Focal Point has acquired the exclusive East Bay rights to stock and sell the excellent eyewear line of French designer Jean-Paul Gaultier. And then there's Alain Mikli, the Paris-based company that features wild optical effects in black and white, geometrics, mottled mosaic designs and bright colors.

The store carries an extensive inventory of smaller frames, which are now back in vogue, and has a laboratory on the premises that can sometimes accommodate one-day service.

A Step Forward
3319 Lake Shore Ave.
Oakland 835-4300

It's been a few years since



The L.A. Eyeworks "Burbank" frame, manufactured in Italy, is available at Focal Point in Berkeley.

A Step Forward began selling quality women's shoes at a substantial discount, and the idea continues to be a big seller.

It's not difficult to see why. The store sells shoes of quality, design and craftsmanship with a contemporary design at afford-

dable prices. The shoes are timeless and yet have a fashion flair. The selection is quite impressive.

With larger sizes at the

street level and smaller sizes upstairs, A Step Forward provides its customers with convenient shopping. And once you have the chance to look around, you'll find outstanding savings indeed. Shoe prices range from \$59 to \$129, with quality boots from \$99 to \$199. A sampling of exotic leathers are a bit more expensive.

It didn't take long for the store to make a name for itself. Now, customers come from all over the Bay Area just to see the shoes and fashion accessories they've heard so much about.

New Moon
458 Santa Clara Ave.
Oakland 451-7591

A key phrase at New Moon is "unconventional

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This Paul Stanley ensemble features an unconstructed blazer and an ivory-colored "taxi style" skirt, both in 100% wool gabardine, with a white silk blouse. Available at Goldmark's



ABS Imports located in Emeryville has fashions for you.

Care for cashmere

If you are lucky enough to own a cashmere sweater or scarf you might want to know how to take care of it so it will last.

Experts in the field such as Dawson International USA, Inc., knitters of such fine brands as Ballantyne, Barrie, Cashmere & Company, Oscar de la Renta Cashmere, and Braemar, recommend the following:

- Handwash cashmere in luke warm water with a very mild unscented soap. Lavant is recommended by many experts. Let the garment soak for about fifteen minutes, dipping it up and down into the mild solution. Rinse thoroughly for five minutes in lukewarm water. Gently squeeze to remove excess water, but never wring out the garment.
- Lay the sweater flat on a towel, blocking it back into its original shape. Allow the garment to dry naturally away from direct heat. To facilitate drying, turn the sweater every few hours.
- When storing your cashmere sweater never put it on a hanger, this can distort the garment and create marks. Rather, fold the garment flat and lay it in a drawer or on a closet shelf.

Is it okay to dry clean cashmere? The answer is yes, but, it is not recommended on a regular basis since the solvents and detergents used in the dry cleaning process can break down the natural oils found in cashmere. This can adversely affect the life of the garment. If intricate bead work or some other novelty is part of the garment it would be wise to check with a reputable cleaner or hand laundry for their recommendation.

Fine cashmere can and will last for years if properly cared for. In fact, fine cashmere sweaters improve over the years and the natural oils from the body can help to enrich the softness and luster of the garment.

The more you know about cashmere the greater your chances are for buying cashmere that will last. Just as there are different grades of quality in diamonds so, too, are there different grades of quality in cashmere. If you want a flawless diamond you have to pay more for it. With cashmere, the finer the quality, the more expensive but, the greater the pleasure and the longer the wearing life.

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yet elegant." Another is "uniqueness with wearability and longevity." Both phrases are accurate.

The clothes at New Moon range from earth tones to spring colors with striking contrasts. And just as the merchandise covers a wide range of styles, so do the customers. From a younger woman shopping for pleasure to the career woman with business in mind, New Moon has something for everyone.

And there's more than just clothes. There's an interesting set of accessories that can transform a business suit into a style that's tailored to the individual. Everything from paper-formed earrings to multi-strand leather necklaces can give merchandise a particularly personal flavor.

And without going very far, customers can obtain an entire color analysis. At the Oakland location across from the Grand Lake Theater, New Moon shares

space with a hair salon, make-up salon and color analysis studio. One visit is all that's needed to give yourself an entire new look.

New Moon carries daywear merchandise with unique colorations in a fashion-forward cut. There are unusual casual knits in both petites and regular sizes.

A second New Moon store is located in Walnut Creek.

J.E. Harl
Corner of Civic and Locust
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J.E. Harl is more than a traditional dress shop. It's an exclusive dress salon, where dresses and furs are offered without racks, without tables, without signs.

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lection of furs.

A touch of elegance is evident from the moment you step foot inside the door. And the merchandise doesn't disappoint you. The East Bay's newest design fashion and fur salon contains dresses not readily available in larger stores. The ensembles include dinner suits and enchanting evening wear for the discriminating woman.

J.E. Harl's accessories are equally distinctive. Most are signed and dated by the artists, making each one special, another important quality not found in larger stores.

But that's not all. Another distinct feature is J.E. Harl's range in dress size—from 4 to 20, thereby providing all women an opportunity to wear these exclusive fashions.

And, it's not only women who frequent the store. Bill Blass' fine line of furs and fur accessories are also available for men.

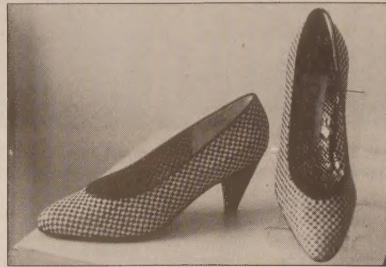
Open since the fall, J.E. Harl is located in Grower's Square.



This seafoam-colored Lisa Anne ensemble features a tussah silk jacket and wide-legged silk chiffon easy fit pants belted at the waist. Available at J.E. Harl in Walnut Creek.



Rosemary Brantley ensemble features a blue cotton knit with a poet collar and a blue pleated elastic waist skirt. Available at New Moon.



This navy and white Joan & David spectator shoe has a designed, sculptured, stacked heel. It contains a black and silver snake lining, is all leather handcrafted, and is available at A Step Forward on Lake Shore Avenue.

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Club Corner

By Phyllis Lyon

West County Business Professional Association
Mark O'Keefe, executive director of the El Cerrito Development Agency, will current redevelopment in El Cerrito at the March meeting at the Cerrito City Social hour is at 11:45 a.m. at 12:15 and adjourns at 1:30.

El Cerrito Lions Club
According to the club newsletter Lions Mane Line, the club's annual Tri-Tip Bar-B-Que will be held March 19 at the El Cerrito Masonic Temple from 4 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50 for \$5 for children, and in a big barbecue dinner. Ladies Night, March 21, the speaker will be Lion Ed Dico who will give good advice about spring planting and in advance. For reservations call Eleanor

East Bay Esperanto Club
The club is celebrating the 102nd anniversary of the first book published in Esperanto, the universal language designed to facilitate international communication.

The club meets the third Saturday of each month at 6712 Hollis St., Emeryville. The next meeting is March 18. For more information call 653-0998 days or 222-0187 evenings.

Mother of Perpetual Help Institute No. 159, Y.L.I.

The Young Ladies Institute will hold their annual salad bar luncheon on March 30 at St. John's Auditorium at 12:15 p.m. Proceeds will go for scholarships to St. John's and St. Jerome's schools and other charitable organizations. Donations are \$4.50. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For reservations call Eleanor

Roure at 526-4174 or Annette Bishop at 526-9742.

AAUW

The Richmond-El Cerrito branch of the American Association of University Women will honor new and prospective members at a membership coffee hour March 18 from 10 a.m. to noon at the home of Fern Rose in Kensington.

Letitia Corum, East Bay District membership chairman, will speak on the advantages of association membership. For information call 232-2964.

Albany Lions Club

Vice President Bob Luoma is overseeing the annual bowling fund raiser which will be held the week of April 3 at the Albany Bowl. There will be big prizes for the winners.

The competition was keen when the Zone Student Speaker Contest was held on March 8 at the senior center. Albany High student Isabel Rogin represented the Albany club.

Albany Lions, led by committee chairman Harry Schreyvogel, carried the message of the American flag to Cornell and Marin school students recently.

Church Notes

Berkeley Buddhist Priory, 1358 Marin Ave., Albany. Rev. Zen-sho Roberson, 528-2139.

An introductory class on the practice of Serene Reflection Meditation is held each Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. Please call to register.

Sunday service and lecture is at 10 a.m.

Lutheran Community Church of the Resurrection, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. The Reverend John Rische, pastor, 655-0240.

Sunday worship service is at 9 a.m., coffee hour at 10 and bible class at 10:30.

Sycamore Congregational Church, 1111 Navellier St., El Cerrito. Rev. Dr. Paul Nagano. Rev. Sadao Masuko, Nichigobu minister.

There will be a joint worship service at 11 a.m. on March 19. The English sermon is titled *Life's Greatest Decision*.

Usually Sunday Nichigobu worship service is at 9:45 a.m., coffee and question time at 10 a.m. English worship service and

church school at 11. Fellowship hour in Adamson Hall is at noon.

El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Gary E. Pope-Sears, pastor, 525-3500.

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. The adult bible class and special discussion classes meet at 11:30 a.m.

The chancel choir, under the direction of Connie Freuh, will present special music. Also at 10 a.m. Pastor Gary will have a *Meeting with the Children*, after which Sunday school begins. Childcare is available for children of all ages.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Rev. Kenneth Barnes.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and childcare is available. A meditation and healing service is held every Sunday at 6 p.m. in the chapel off Rincon Road.

Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. Rev. Hugh Courtney Burroughs.

Worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. on March 19, Palm Sunday. *One Great Hour of Sharing* will be observed with a special offering for the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Robert Kuhl will play the oboe. Sunday school starts at 10:15 a.m. Childcare is provided.

The church will host a Lenten Breakfast on March 18 at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The Reverend Kathleen Jeminez will speak on *Faith Journeys*. Call 524-4401 for reservations.

Christ Lutheran Church, 780 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. The Reverend Martin J. Schaefer, pastor.

Pastor Schaefer's sermon on March 19 is *The Days Are Coming*. Holy communion is at the 11 a.m. service. A Maundy Thursday potluck supper will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 23.

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A Message to Members of the Berkeley Community

As chancellor of this University, I want to inform you about our far-reaching plans to improve academic excellence, student success, and the quality of life for this entire community.

It may seem unusual for the Berkeley chancellor to contact you this way, but I believe these matters are extremely important and that this type of communication is an effective means I can use to keep you up to date about them. I'll be issuing more such messages in the future. (Much of this material is also being distributed to Berkeley households in the mail.)

I'm communicating to you now because the Berkeley City Council apparently plans to take actions Tuesday, March 14 regarding proposals that we will be presenting formally in our draft Long Range Development Plan in April. I believe the City should respond after, not before, our plan is shared with you and considered fully by you. Recognizing that a premature City response may be forthcoming, I want to describe generally to you the draft Long Range Development Plan for physical development of the campus. (The plan, with its accompanying environmental review, should be available next month for public review and comment.)

We are revising the campus's existing development plan, prepared more than 25 years ago. Much of the old plan was very far-sighted and continues to have relevance, but new academic needs have emerged, the composition of the student body has changed dramatically, and changes in the community have affected housing, campus neighborhoods, and traffic and parking. A new plan is needed to guide change on the campus to the year 2005.

During the past year and a half, we've held 27 public meetings with members of the community, students, faculty, and staff to discuss different aspects of campus needs and possible solutions. These meetings included 17 meetings with a special City-University Planning Committee established by the City to work directly with the campus on the plan. In addition, we made presentations to the Council of Neighborhood Associations, the campus student government, the Chamber of Commerce, and other community groups. Preparation of the plan was shaped by the views expressed at these meetings and by an advisory committee on the campus of faculty, staff, students, and a City representative.

There are two overriding goals to be achieved by this plan and these goals are inextricably linked. They are: **to preserve and enhance the academic excellence of the campus; and to educate with this continued excellence the brightest, most diverse group of young people who have ever attended Berkeley.**

The academic success, social and intellectual integration, and development of the future leadership capabilities of these students—who for the first time have no ethnic group as a majority—are our highest responsibilities. Meeting their needs with improved academic and student services facilities, housing, and a revitalized campus neighborhood that will enable them to participate fully in campus life are major objectives in the plan.

Key Points

I'd like to highlight some key points in the planning agenda for the campus.

- We are planning for a **small reduction in enrollment and a small growth in staff.** The campus population total would remain very close to the present level.

- **Academic space needs are modest**—about six percent growth in building area beyond current space. The draft Long Range Development Plan describes proposed development over and above existing and previously approved campus development, such as the Northwest Animal Facility, Life Sciences Building Addition, and Genetics and Plant Biology Building.

- **A new living environment for students** would be created. The Berkeley Campus has traditionally depended on the private market to provide housing for most students. The Long Range Development Plan proposes to change this for three reasons.

First, academic achievement and a well-rounded social experience at Berkeley are enhanced by the opportunity for students to live together in campus housing and to have the support of programs that link the living experience with academic programs.

Second, 40 percent of private housing units rented to students in 1979 have now been rented to non-students, forcing students to double up and to live at greater distances from campus. This decreases their opportunities to participate fully in campus life.

The third reason flows from the second: Students are commuting increasingly to campus, adding to traffic congestion and parking demand. New close-in housing will enable more students to walk to campus. To meet the housing need, it is proposed that about 3,350 new beds for single students be developed.

- It is important that everyone understand one fact. Under State and UC Regents' policies, **student housing must be paid for by student rents.** In order to keep rents affordable, the campus proposes to build primarily on land already owned by the campus. About half the needed beds are proposed for the Telegraph Avenue area, centered around existing housing and services. These would be residence halls with central dining serving primarily younger students.

The remaining beds are proposed for a small addition to the Kerr Campus, on Warring Street, and for sites not yet determined but primarily in the South Shattuck area. The campus is also studying the feasibility of adding housing to the facilities for families at Albany Village. Much of this housing would be apartments for older students.

Some land acquisition would be required. Sites would be selected to relate to City goals to the greatest extent feasible, and development would include retail uses on the ground floor where appropriate. The campus has agreed to use City police services for housing developed on sites not owned by the University, and to pay the City for the cost of their services.

- The housing proposed for south of campus would be coordinated with an overall plan for improvements to restore the quality of this student neighborhood. A key feature proposed is the **development of a major public open space on People's Park.**

Most of People's Park—the largest undeveloped piece of University property south of campus—would be redesigned as a campus and community park, including active recreation, new landscaping, lighting, and other park amenities. A portion of the site would be used for a low-rise student residence hall with a dining facility serving students in other new housing nearby. This would help meet housing needs, allow students to use an area now frequently avoided, and improve an area that is now the source of major community problems.

The campus would seek community participation in the design of this new park and other neighborhood improvements. This might include a memorial acknowledging the history of People's Park.

- West of campus, the plan proposes **possible joint development with the City or others of properties along Oxford Street** to strengthen the vitality and economy of the downtown.

- The campus will continue its long involvement in **assisting the City with the needs of the homeless.** A site on campus property in West Berkeley is proposed for a major new homeless shelter. The campus is helping the City with a grant for preliminary design, and has agreed to raise \$250,000 for construction. This new facility will replace and add capacity to the shelter the campus has provided to the City at no cost for more than 15 years.

The plan also proposes to offer the City a site for a day center where homeless persons south of campus could receive support services. A joint project with the City to provide both student housing and low income hotel spaces is identified for the Berkeley Inn at Haste and Telegraph, unoccupied since it was destroyed by fire.

In addition, the campus will pursue a possible joint project to create new low-income housing, student housing, and new YMCA facilities at a downtown site owned by and adjacent to the Y.

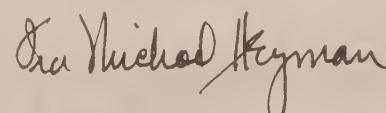
- Changes to the landscape and open space in the historic central campus would **restore a more park-like environment**, although the Long Range Development Plan does not deal with the specifics of landscaping. Proposed building sites in the plan are limited primarily to surface parking lots, underground sites, and additions of extra floors. The central glade, now filled with temporary buildings, is proposed to become a major open space abutting a student services building. To return to the original intent of the campus architect, we propose that a garden replace a parking lot in the northwest campus. The North Gate Entrance will be redesigned. Major landscaping will be added on Oxford Street when construction projects there are completed.

- Traffic management strategies are also important planning issues. Parking and land use designations in the plan are designed to **reduce traffic congestion.** Some parking would be replaced in lots away from campus and relocated to encourage use of less congested travel routes.

Emphasis on carpools and vanpools and coordination with the City and transit agencies regarding traffic, transportation, and parking policies will continue to be important aspects of traffic management.

The University of California has been the focus of the Berkeley community since our founding more than 120 years ago. The city has grown up around the campus and the shared environment of the campus and community has become more constrained by the continuing unsolved problems of urban life. As a major part of the community, we're sensitive to the concerns of you, our neighbors, and will continue to serve the local community while we carry out our primary task to serve the higher education needs of the State.

In the forthcoming weeks and months, we will sponsor many public meetings to discuss the University's draft Long Range Development Plan. Locations, dates, and times will be well publicized. We will be interested to hear your views and would like your support for campus efforts to serve the young people of the community and the State. I hope you'll join with me and the campus in collaborative efforts to address mutual problems and concerns.



Ira Michael Heyman
Chancellor

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Mini-trucks are handy

Auto Scene

David Fetherston



I had to choose one vehicle to accommodate 90 percent of my needs, then without doubt it would be one of the sports utility vehicles or mini-trucks. These are transmuted from small, open boxes with pickup trays and luxury wheels for four. They used to ride worse than full-sized trucks and any long trip was a bind on the mind and body. But it's a different story. The leaders in the class are as comfortable and twice as convenient as any compact sedan and can combine the best of automotive features into one very practical and usable design.

Seats four, sort of

The biggest problem with the mini-trucks, as the title implies, is that they are small and lack interior space. But now even mini-trucks have stretch cabs. We are the ones with the room and the front seats for a little more carrying space or an extra seat. This might not sound like an terrible difference but what it does is make a truck into a comfortable touring vehicle. The up takes on a completely different character and usefulness. Now you can carry instead of two and you have somewhere to put your belongings instead of having them balanced on the front seat. Best of all you can recline the seats for comfort. The Mazda B2200 Cab Plus is the standard cab mini-trucks

that I recently tested proved to be pleasant practical vehicles in nearly all aspects. I used them for hauling garden clippings to the dump, picking up furniture and for my usual business week.

The rear seating space on the Cab Plus was used at one time by the children who enjoyed the short ride but I don't think they would have endured a trip of more than an hour without a grumble. The rear seats fold down to form a lower cushion with the back cushion forming part of the back panel of the cab.

At best the seating is temporary.

When I first tested the standard B2200 three years ago, I was delighted to find that it handled so well and the size and style of engine performed adequately. Today those thoughts still stay in place except the newer model has a little more zip with its larger engine capacity.

The LX model is the upline model aimed at the person who wants a fully equipped vehicle. It has a six-foot cargo bed with a

double-walled construction that is tough and durable. Our test model was not fitted with a bed liner but an option like a Durafiner, which is a high-impact resistant plastic covering that fits tight inside the bed and saves it from impacts and scratches.

Bed liner a must

The bed liner is a neat idea and anyone concerned with the long-term appearance of their vehicle should invest in such an accessory.

The interior is well-appointed with fabric upholstery, carpets, stereo and useable dash controls. The wheel is a plastic grip, reasonably pleasant to the feel and fine for control.

The bucket seats score eight out of 10. They are quite comfortable with lumbar control and recline adjustments, but they do need a little more support in the lower back section.

The stereo in the LX model is a combined tape-AM/FM with four speakers. It has a sound quality that can only be described as excellent and it made my long hours behind the wheel more enjoyable with its quality reproduction. Surprisingly, the interior sound level of the B2200 is quite low, which makes listening to the stereo all the more pleasant.

The driveability of the Mazda is sedan-like. Gone are the days of the freeway hammer mill. No more "ca-thunk, ca-thunk." You are riding in a vehicle that surprises by blending a truck and sedan into one.



This Mazda B2200 SE5 is both durable and reliable.

The Bridgestone steel-belted radial tires with their high sidewall profile and flexibility allow plenty of shock to be absorbed and cushion road surface variations. The main reason for the excellent ride and handling is the independent front suspension, which is a double wishbone type, incorporating an I-shaped lower arm riding on a torsion bar.

The front suspension also has other tricks that add up to good handling. The suspension changes attitude in cornering to a negative camber, and so induces a more stable stand in corners.

The rear suspension has the usual truck-like setup using a tube axle and leaf springs, but it has been refined with bias-mounted shocks and trapezoidal spring shackles which all contribute to its highway graces.

The brakes are power discs up

front, and drums in the rear. They work smoothly and progressively but, like all pickups big or small, care needs to be taken when braking — especially in wet areas. Without a heavy load in back, the rear brakes can lock up under heavy application.

The B2200 is powered by a refined four-cylinder single overhead cam engine. The carburetor features an advanced micro-processor controlled feedback system which feeds the engine's stabilized combustion head using high swirl intake ports and a high energy ignition system. This engine provides 85 horsepower and 118-foot pounds of torque which gives it sufficient power for most domestic applications.

It cruised along happily at 60 mph in fifth gear and only needed to be downshifted to fourth to

pull over steep highway grades. Fifth gear is an overdrive and cruising gear and helps the Mazda get 24 miles to the gallon.

I love my truck

The B2200 Cab Plus is my favorite and can certainly be a practical alternative to buying a small sedan. If you want practicality, comfort and handling wrapped up in one package, it is all here in the B2200 LX. Its list of standard features is also impressive, with such touches as halogen headlamps, cruise control, two-tone paint, tilt wheel, power steering, styled chrome wheels and air conditioning.

Trucks have become the largest selling sector of the new car market, with good reason. Our test B2200 was priced at \$10,901, which delivered a well-equipped and smart-looking package.

Porsche debut a speedy package



Porsche 911 Carrera 4 is a beautifully-equipped machine.

With the debut of the new 911 Carrera 4, Porsche advances the art of building sports cars and the science of all-wheel drive in a single high-performance package. The Carrera 4, scheduled to go on sale this spring, is the first production all-wheel-drive Porsche for the U.S. Market.

All-wheel drive is an oversimplification in describing the Carrera 4 system. Porsche has supplemented race-proven drive components with state-of-the-art electronic sensors and controls to create a sophisticated system of "intelligent" all-wheel drive.

Some four-wheel-drive systems simply transmit equal power to the front and rear wheels without regard to load or road surface condition. Others provide variable torque split through a viscous coupling, but the majority of these so-called hang-on systems are part-time systems with secondary drive wheels powered from the primary axle only when the primary drive wheels lose traction.

This is where the 911 Carrera 4 stands apart. Using multiple sensors, sophisticated electronics and two multi-disc clutch units with hydraulic actuation, the 911 Carrera 4's full-time all-wheel-drive system delivers power to the

wheels that have the traction to utilize it, and more importantly, reduces power to the wheels that do not.

Sensors detect both lateral and longitudinal acceleration forces

Response time for engagement is less than one-tenth of a second...

and discrepancies in wheel rotation speed, an indication of traction loss. Electronic controls activate solenoids, which route high-pressure hydraulic fluid to engage the clutches in the center and rear differentials as needed.

Response time for engagement is less than one-tenth of a second, three times faster than in a similar Porsche system designed for the Porsche 959, and the Carrera 4 system recognizes wheel speed differentials as small as .6 mph.

The center differential is mounted directly to the five-speed transaxle and serves as the torque

divider front-to-rear. In normal operation, a set of planetary gears distributes 31 percent of available power to the front wheels and 69 percent to the rear. When slippage thresholds are reached, the automatic control system engages either or both differentials automatically. When a stable condition is restored, the differential clutches are released. Thresholds are set so that minor differences in wheel speed, such as in very tight corners, will not cause unnecessary engagement. And the system "learns" to recognize as normal other minor wheel speed differences caused by such things as tire diameter variations.

Both differentials are automatically returned to disengaged mode whenever the standard anti-lock braking system is activated. The Carrera 4 marks the first application of ABS to a 911 model.

Unlike the Porsche 959, the Carrera 4 system does not require the driver to select a torque split program appropriate for conditions. The system responds automatically to changing conditions and driving situations.

There is, however, a traction control the driver can use to engage the clutches in both differentials for starts on extremely poor surfaces such as snow-covered inclines. The traction program is automatically canceled and the locks released if vehicle speed reaches 25 mph or ABS is called for.

Design of the Carrera 4 began with a new floorpan and progressed through new suspensions at both front and rear to extensively revised, yet totally familiar looking bodywork.

The 911's layout of front struts and lower wishbones and rear semi-trailing arms with tube shocks was retained for use in the Carrera 4. However, the traditional torsion bars were replaced by coil springs at both front and rear.

Revised steering geometry incorporates negative steering offset, which has a self-correcting tendency under braking if the

front wheel are on dissimilar surfaces. Working in concert with ABS, negative steering offset helps maintain directional stability in a wide variety of braking situations. The Carrera 4 also has power assisted steering, the first 911 model so equipped.

At the rear, the semi-trailing arm mounts incorporate special bushings and spring arms, which provide rear toe correction for virtually any cornering mode, similar to the action of the Weissach axle on the 928 S4.

Power for the Carrera 4 is provided by the evergreen Porsche flat six. With displacement increased to 3.6 liters and twin-plug ignition adapted from Porsche's PFM 3200 aircraft engine, the Carrera 4 engine delivers 247 horsepower and 228 ft. lbs. of torque. It is the most powerful normally aspirated engine ever offered in the 911.

Aerodynamically, the Carrera 4 is much refined compared to current production 911 models. In addition to reducing the drag coefficient by more than 15 percent, changes to front and rear aprons and bumpers produce smoother air flow around the rear of the car, which in turn improves engine cooling efficiency and gives the Carrera 4 zero-lift characteristics at highway speeds. The Carrera 4 also has improved body rigidity.

An extendable rear spoiler serves a two-fold purpose. First, when the spoiler is extended, the size of the air intake grille for the engine is nearly doubled. Second, the extended spoiler provides extra downforce for high-speed stability. Extension occurs automatically at about 50 mph; retraction is also automatic at about 6 mph.

The Carrera 4's resemblance to other 911 models — in performance as well as appearance — is entirely intentional. However, the Carrera 4 shares only 15 percent of its components with the current 911 series.

The manufacturer's suggested retail price for the 911 Carrera 4 is \$69,500.

Ford probe is user-popular

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36-40	29.10	57.05	85.50	104.25	129.40	25.85
41-45	32.10	63.05	94.50	115.45	143.20	28.60
46-50	35.10	69.05	103.50	126.65	157.00	31.35
each additional 6 words	3.00	6.00	9.00	11.20	13.80	2.75

101 Cars

ALPHA Romero GTV 2000, 1974, \$7,000 or offer, 87,000 miles, well maintained 849-1081 or 977-3954.

GOVERNMENT SEIZED Vehicles from \$100 Fords, Mercedes, Corvettes, Chevrolets, Supliers. Buyers Guide 1-805-687-6000 extension 5-7799.

VOLKSWAGEN, 1981, Scirocco, metallic gray, 5 speed, sunroof, Alpine stereo, air conditioning, 68,000 miles, excellent condition, \$4000 or offer 839-8455.

TOYOTA 1988 Pickup with matching canopy bedliner, stereo, 15,000 miles, \$7,600, offer. Call evenings 839-2344.

VOLKSWAGEN 1988 Jetta GLI, 16V, black, Recaro, sun roof, remote A/C, 120 watt Blaupunkt-JBL stereo, 5 year unlimited mileage warranty, 15,000 miles. \$15,000. 939-0176.

NEW Chevrolet Celebrity, 1989, 4 door, V-6, 1000 miles. Loaded. Warranty. Must sacrifice. \$12,600. 233-4483.

1986 Suburban runs and looks like new, fully equipped, \$14,000. 531-3430.

TOYOTA, 1983, Cressida, 5 speed, electric everything including sun roof, excellent condition. \$7000. 839-9146.

103 Motorcycles

NINJA, 1988 250cc. Low miles, \$2800. 652-7261.

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclarion office.

DO NOT PANIC! Panic Attack Control Training. Six week groups. Call the Phobia and Anxiety Healing Center at 428-1529.

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WATERCOLOR Instruction for all levels. Professional artist in commercial and fine art. Call 452-2617.

FOR THE LOVE OF LEARNING Tutoring in all areas, grades Kindergarten-12, SAT program based on individual testing and needs. 10 years Special Education experience. M.A., 5 credentials. 547-4109.

A LEARNING PLACE Math, SAT, Prep, Reading, Montclair/Piedmont/Berkeley, 531-2500

AFFRAID TO DRIVE? Adult specialists train you step by step. Department Motor Vehicles #2843, 524-7117.

FASTER BASKET BOUTIQUE By "Three Women in a Basket". Saturday, March 18th, 10-3, 6708 Pinelawn Rd., Montclair district. Children and adult Easter baskets. Gift baskets for other occasions available. Free refreshments. Prices \$5 to \$50. Call 339-1093.

BRAND new Bruener's Steel bed rails with casters and bolt. 653-2752.

GOLDEN Retriever mix puppies, beautiful, well loved, great with children, ready now, Berkeley hills. 849-0185.

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Child Care
Domestic

PRIVATE - exchange in Berkeley. 6 month plus 12 hours per week. Child care and light housekeeping. Driver preferred. \$49-499.

ATTENDANT, child care, sitters plus room and board. \$577

CARE for infant, house-sitter, great north Berkeley location, over entrance, non-smoker. \$731, 525-8159

CARE for toddler in our Oaklands. 25 hours per week. Responsible, references available. Call after 7 p.m. only. \$3031

CARING April 3, care for 6 month old girl in Crocker High home. Monday-Friday, 9-6. Be non-smoker and speak fluent English. \$93-9488

REASONABLE student for preschool child care 2 or 3 days a week. 3 p.m. Must be smoker with excellent driving record and own car. Call Susan 428-1525.

CARE person needed to care for 2 year old son with warmth, imagination. Monday-Thursday, 32 hours. Experience preferred. \$65-9147

TIME nanny needed for two aged 4 and 8. Central Piedmont location. Non-smoker. English speaking. Salary negotiable. \$1600 evenings.

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RENT Helper, student preferred. Exchange for room and board with friendly Piedmont family. \$82-567

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WORK Wanted

SCENICLEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 549-5627

GYMCLER, 3 years experience, many references. 843-6514 Adela Ordrey

PANION Driver. Practical, cook, secretary. Flexible hours. Mature, kind, dependable, reliable, cheerful. References. \$4619

HOUSECLEANING- experienced, reliable, excellent references. \$25-5693. Call late 427-2328 or 45622

PROFESSIONAL 6 years experience, lady, live-in jobs, weekdays. References. \$25-5693. Johnson, leave message.

ANNES Available: 3 competent, well grandmothers. Live in or \$1000-\$1150. TODAY'S TPR 783-4945.

GYMCLER available. Live out, advance and excellent references. Elisabeth 653-6407.

PANION to the elderly. Personal care, meal preparation. Live Experienced. \$50-1432.

PERSONAL desires part-time 15 hour. Customer service, quality control, shipping-receiving. North Oakland, Emeryville, San Leandro. Call Bill 839-9810 after 1 p.m.

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Money
To Loan

PRIVATE party seeks \$35,000 second. Piedmont \$300,000, residence. First balance \$114,000. No brokers please. 866-9774.

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Home
Furnishings

WASHERS and dryers. Kenmore. Whirlpool. Reconditioned and rebuilt. Guaranteed 90 days. Delivery available. \$48-4419 anytime.

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Discount prices on custom Sunflex mini-blinds and Louverdrape pleated shades. Draperies too. Free estimates and installation. Marsh Interiors. 569-7540.

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SCANDINAVIAN brown leather chairs, 2 rosewood and 2 chrome; rosewood smoked glass and tables; chrome floor lamps; huge pillow; plexiglass bathroom accessories. Dr. E. 482-1366.

BEAUTIFUL white wicker daybed with trundle, 6-day wicker dresser, 428-2212; 658-0595

TWO matching down sofas \$700; two end tables \$100. Ask for Yolanda evenings at 268-6581.

BRAND NEW

Dining room set with glass top, brass frame, 4 matching chairs, excellent condition. \$500. 631-1198.

ODDS, ends, furniture. Call after 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday. 525-3200

QUEEN size waterbed, captain's frame with 8 large drawers and 4 cabinets, bedding included. \$250. best offer. 658-9160

QUALITY furniture, used. Sofas-Sectional- 2 piece, light green velvet 10'5"; (\$500). Green, white print 8' (\$250). Two, green print chairs (\$150) each. Misclanous upholstered chairs, black, orange velvet, gold striped. Rugs- Two bright green matching Karastan wool. 20'8" x 12', and 12'5" x 9', fringed pad. One Lee's wool, same color fringed. 653-8818

IMAC PC \$500, Epson printer \$100, Micro-copy 10 desktop microfiche \$400, white laminate desk with return \$150, chair \$25, typewriter \$100. 655-4522

TIFF MAP WITH AD

HILLS Swim and Tennis Club membership. \$400 plus transfer fee. 444-4346

OFFICE furniture: desks, chairs, typewriters. 525-6875.

FIRE SALE pricel Mariner Square Athletic Club membership \$150. Great club! 530-0157

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CHINA

Royal Dalton collection (Old Country Roses) 4 place settings with completer set, coffee pot, sugar, creamer, salt, pepper shakers, candle stick holders, meat tray and more, bought for \$1,000. sell for \$550. 631-1198

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QUALITY file cabinet, dictator transcriber, Sanyo copier, ry rug, Stroice car-seat, playpen, high chair, stroller, toys and baby equipment. 530-4758.

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El Cerrito

& North

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Antiques

Art

FRENCH art deco bedroom set. Andre, bed and nightstands. Walnut with marble tops. \$2200. 635-7034.

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Garage Sale

WAREHOUSE Spring Cleaning Sale. New posters, prints, maps, framed, laminated. New books: cooking, special interest, children's, how to, popular titles. New Easter toys and baskets. Most 1/2 off. March 11-12; also 18, 19, 4-9, Sunday. Accents and Art, 1010 44th Avenue, near High San Leandro Blvd. Oakland.

JUMBLE Sale, Hilltop Branch, Children's Hospital, Saturday March 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. New designer upholstery fabric, quality clothing, household, etc. Driscoll Playhouse, 325 Highland, Saturday, 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 1989.

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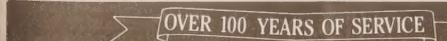
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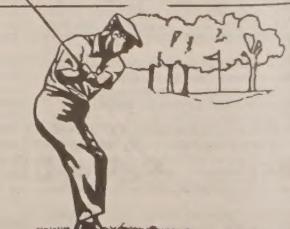
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